

# THE INDEPENDENT

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## HANDICAPPED BY NEW REGULATION

Farmers and Fruit Growers Must Purchase License For Full Gross Instead of Smaller Gross Or Do Without Use of Trucks — Claim This is Hardship.

Farmers and fruit growers for the past several years have been privileged to purchase a motor truck license for a smaller gross than their truck called for, which could be used during the spring and early summer months, at which time they were more than likely hauling small loads. Then when the fruit season came along and they would be putting their trucks to full use they purchased a half-year license for the full gross of the truck. In this way they were added over the time until money from their crops was available, at the same time saving a few dollars on the deal.

With the cancellation of this privilege by the Dept. of Public Highways, they are required to purchase a license for the full gross or else do without the use of their truck and in many cases will result in a loss to the government instead of an increase. For instance, Harry Walters, of Wiltona, owns a Dodge truck of six tons gross. In the past he has been able to buy a three-ton license for the early part of the season at a cost of \$24. Then when half-year licenses came into effect on September 1 he purchased a six-ton license for an additional \$30, giving him use of the truck for the season at a cost of \$54. The three-ton license permitted him to haul a load of approximately one ton. The gross plates were displayed on the side of his truck and the vehicle was subject to weighing on the government highway scales at any time to see that the privilege was not being abused. This year, however, he has been notified that he must purchase the six-ton license at a cost of \$84 now or else not use the truck, the department refusing the lighter plates.

Commenting on this change, Mr. Walters stated, "The government by this action not only puts the fruit grower to a needless expense at this time of year when they are hard pressed, but eventually loses on deal as many growers, myself included, will simply wait until the half-year license goes into effect, on September 1 and then buy a license for the balance of the year for half cost. This, in my case, is \$42 as compared to the \$54 they would have collected, and they also lose the six cents tax on every gallon of gas that would have been used in the trucks. It must be borne in mind that growers use their trucks solely for hauling their own grown products to market and that they only use their truck for three or four months a year while the fruit is on."

## Political Activity Charge Is Probed

Investigation of charges of political partisanship against Ernest L. Snider, St. Ann's Postmaster, was completed on Monday by J. J. Bench, acting as Commissioner. Snider denied all allegations of political activity on his part.

Several witnesses testified they were approached by his father, J. M. Snider, employed as Assistant Postmaster, just prior to the last election. Snider Sr. sought their votes for the Conservative Party, they said.

The majority of witnesses agreed that Postmaster Ernest Snider had taken no part in the political discussions. Commissioner Bench referred to the conduct of Snider Sr. as "exceedingly indiscreet."

## - IN MEMORIAM -

In memory of our dear son, Everett Montgomery, killed June 17, 1933.

He has taken his last long journey In God's beautiful ship called rest, Away from this world of sorrow To the home of Eternal rest.

Ever remembered by his father, mother, sisters and brothers.

In loving memory of our dear brother, Everett Montgomery, killed June 17, 1933.

We think of him as one who sleeps All free from grief and pain, And of the happy days to come When we shall meet again.

Ella and Arthur, Elmer and Anna, Howard and Jennie, Rochester, N.Y.

## Co-Operative Company Is Formed By Growers Erecting Fruit Shed

A company to be known as The Grimsby Growers' Co-operative, Ltd., has been organized at Grimsby Beach with the following directors: Malcolm Nelles, William Pizer, William Coon, W. A. McNiven and M. Udell.

Mr. Nelles is president of the association and H. Toms has accepted the position of sales manager.

A commodious fruit shed is being erected on the site of the Grimsby Beach C.N.R. station on which a large number of men have been employed so that it may be ready for the season's crop.

## Secretary To County Clerk Passes Away Council Attends Funeral

The staff of the county building and the village of Jordan Station has been cast into deep sorrow in the sudden death of Ethel Louise Rittenhouse, who passed away at the Toronto General Hospital on Wednesday last following an operation to remove a brain tumor.

The late Miss Rittenhouse, who was in her 32nd year, was stenographer to County Clerk and Treasurer Camby Wismer for the past 10 years. Of a cheerful disposition and an efficient worker, she was highly esteemed and her sudden death comes as a severe shock to her many friends.

A life long resident of Jordan Station she was favorably known throughout the village. She had taken an active part in young people's activities. The eldest daughter of Anna L. and the late Jacob K. Rittenhouse, she is survived by her mother, two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Henry Cole, Brockville, Mrs. Gordon Honsberger, Jordan Station, Ernest and Harry at home.

The funeral, one of the largest ever seen in the district, took place on Saturday afternoon, when deceased was laid to rest amid a profusion of beautiful flowers. Service was held at her late home by Rev. C. R. Albright and Rev. George Cropp, of Fenwick. The members of the Lincoln county council for whom she had been stenographer for the last ten years, formed a guard of honour at the grave. Six cousins of the deceased acted as pallbearers.

## BARTON FISHERMAN HURT AT GRMSBY

When Charles Hildreth, aged 71, of Barton township, was returning home after a day's fishing near Grimsby Beach, his car was struck and wrecked by a hit-and-run American driver at Hannigan's curve, near Fruitland. Mr. Hildreth escaped with a shaking-up. The driver and a passenger, William Powell, 158 Roslyn avenue north, Hamilton, both stated that the other driver had cut out of a line of eastbound traffic and was attempting to pass another car when he smashed into their vehicle at the curve. It is alleged that the car stopped a little further down the road and that the driver got out and looked at the left front, then got back in the car and stepped on the gas. Provincial Constable Jess investigated. Hildreth's car was badly damaged.

## HOLD FIELD DAY

A field day was held by the Lincoln and Welland County Holstein Breeders Association at the farm of Elmer Durham, Smithville, last week. There were classes of cattle for judging and valuable prizes given. Dr. C. D. McGilivray, principal of the Ontario Veterinary College, spoke on mastitis and Byron Jenvey, Woodstock, told of the activities of the association. H. McLeod is president of the association, and C. E. Wilson, Welland, is secretary.

## STANDING IN THE FRUIT BELT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Stoney Creek	9	0	0	18
Smithville	3	4	1	7
Grimsby	3	5	1	7
St. Ann's	3	4	0	6
Beamsville	3	4	0	6
Three Stars	3	7	0	6

## Results Recent Games

June 10—Beamsville 5, Three Stars 11.
Smithville 14, Grimsby 8.
June 12—Beamsville 8, S. Creek 10.
Grimsby 4, St. Ann's 7.
June 13—Three Stars 6, Smithville 7.
June 15—Smithville 4, Three Stars 8.
Stoney Creek 10, Grimsby 8.
June 17—Stoney Creek 18, 3 Stars 3.

## OFFICERS ELECTED BY SAN COUNCIL

\$3,543 Realized From Sale of Seals in Lincoln and Welland — Mrs. Fitch, Grimsby, Third Vice-President.

The Central Council of the Niagara Peninsula Sanatorium met at the Nurses' Home, St. Catharines, June 8th, at 10.30 a.m. After the morning session they lunched at the Sanatorium as guests of the Board of Governors.

The Annual Meeting was held in the afternoon. Financial reports were given by all units. The sum of \$3,543.00 was received from the sale of seals in the two counties, Welland and Lincoln. The officers elected for 1936 were as follows:

Hon. President, Mrs. J. D. Wright, St. Catharines; Mrs. S. J. Holman, Niagara Falls; President, Mrs. H. E. Karberg, Merritt; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Phyllis Black, Humberstone; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Martin, Welland; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Murray Fitch, Grimsby; 4th Vice-President, Mrs. Donnelly, St. Catharines; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Woods, Beamsville; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Paul Buss, Thorold; Treasurer, Mrs. Allen, Port Colborne.

## Tree Fruits Showing Good Development

The weekly crop report issued by the Dominion Fruit Branch, Dept. of Agriculture, under date of June 12, has the following reference to the Niagara and Burlington districts:

Niagara District: Moderately warm, heavy rains nights of 6th and 7th; hail storm night of 6th, Beamsville area, caused considerable damage affecting approximately 125 acres fruit in varying proportions from light to practically complete destruction. Apple—storage stocks now depleted; spraying well in hand with practically no fungus in evidence; fruit showing good development. Pears—June "drop" on Bartlett has been heavy. Other Tree Fruits—making good growth. Strawberries—small quantities good quality now on markets; growing conditions very favourable and heavy pickings (Continued on page 5)

## Mayor Lewis Honored By Grimsby Council On 70th Birthday

On Sunday afternoon the members of the Grimsby town council with town officials visited the home of their colleague, Mayor R. H. Lewis, and felicitated him on the occasion of his 70th birthday which occurred on that day, extending hearty good wishes on his having attained the allotted span of three score and ten. As a tangible evidence of their good will and regard he was made the recipient of a handsome fountain pen and pencil, Reeve Mogg making the presentation.

Fellow citizens in the community join in the congratulations and good wishes being extended to the town's chief magistrate who during his residence in the municipality has proven a valued citizen, having given untiring and efficient service as a member of the council and other town bodies.

## Grimsby Chapter, O.E.S. No. 195 Hold Successful Strawberry Festival

A most successful Strawberry Social was held in the Masonic Hall, Grimsby on Tuesday evening, the sixteenth of June, when Grimsby Chapter, No. 195, O.E.S., entertained members and friends from town and district.

Everyone entered in a most unique musical programme arranged by the committee and thoroughly enjoyed a social evening. The refreshment committee served delicious strawberry shortcakes.

## Coming Event

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND GARDEN PARTY, Trinity Hall Grounds, Friday, June 20th, 8.30 p.m. auspices Young People's Society and Choir of Trinity United Church. Program featured by West Hamilton Bell Ringers and Velma Oldham, reader, Hamilton. Admission 25 cents. Also ice cream, soft drink and candy booths and fish pond. Come and enjoy the evening.

## TOWNSHIP DEALS WITH APPEALS

Assessment Confirmed In Two Cases — One Lowered — Will Not Close Road Allowances — Grant To Beach Cottagers' Assn.

The members of the North Grimsby township council met as a Court of Revision on Saturday afternoon prior to the regular council meeting to hear several appeals against the assessment. All members were in attendance, Reeve Lawson in the chair.

The following appeals were disposed of, one being granted and the other two sustained:

Moved by Deputy Reeve Graham, seconded by Councillor Durham that the assessment on the property of John Pinczick, Lot 21, North Grimsby, be sustained.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Graham, seconded by Councillor Durham, that the present assessment on the property of Geo. C. Ward, Lot P. East Gore, North Grimsby, be sustained.

Moved by Councillors Smith and Durham that the assessment of Mrs. Leslie, Lot 6, Con. 1, be reduced by \$100.

Following the Court of Revision the council adjourned until 4.30 to permit the members to attend the funeral of the late Miss Rittenhouse, secretary to County Clerk Wismer which took place on Saturday at Jordan.

The council on its return, held its regular session, dealing with various items of interest.

Two permits were granted in the following resolution passed: Moved by Deputy Reeve Graham, seconded by Councillor Durham, that a building permit be granted the Grimsby Co-operative Company Limited for the erection of a fruit shed and also a permit to Mr. H. McGowan for the erection of a garage on Central Ave.

The above company was recently organized at the Beach with Mr. Malcolm Nelles as the president and a fruit shed is now in course of erection on the site of the old C.N.R. station, Grimsby Beach. Mr. McGowan recently took up his residence at Beach, coming here from Saskatchewan.

On motion of Councillors Durham (Continued on page 8)

## Former Pastor's Wife Speaker At W.M.S. Of United Church

The W.M.S. (Afternoon Auxiliary) of Trinity United Church held their regular monthly meeting in Trinity Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, June 11th. What made this meeting one of outstanding interest was the fact that the guest speaker was Mrs. G. W. Wood of Toronto who was very warmly welcomed by the ladies of the auxiliary. She gave a most interesting address, her subject being "The Church of All Nations, Toronto". After describing the building, Mrs. Wood told of the gradual but certain uniting of the different nationalities included in the term—"New Canadians" in their attendance at this church. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Wood at the close of her address.

At the close of the meeting a very pleasant social hour was spent while refreshments were served.

At night Mrs. Wood also spoke to a largely attended meeting of the younger women of the church, The Evening Auxiliary, on the same subject, pointing out that the outstanding need in the world today is the willingness and ability to be able to sit where others sit, to look at life through the eyes of others and to seek the other's viewpoint. Mrs. G. L. Eaton and Miss Flora Alton assisted in the enjoyment of the program with vocal solos. A pleasant social hour followed.

## SUPREME COURT GIVES DECISIONS

Two Reform Acts Held Unconstitutional, One Invalid In Part — Two Upheld And Judges Split On Three.

Six white-haired Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, in ermine-trimmed gowns, sat in a plain, dusty old court room designed originally as a carpenter shop, and gave judgments on Wednesday on eight reform laws passed by the Bennett Administration in 1934 and 1935.

Two of the most advanced laws written into the statute books in years were declared unconstitutional — the Natural Products Marketing Act and the Employment and Social Insurance Act.

One was declared unconstitutional in part—the Dominion Trade and Industry Commission Act.

Two were upheld — the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act and Section 408A of the Criminal Code.

The Judges split 3-3 on the Minimum Wage Act, forty-eight-hour week and the weekly day of rest.

Law officers of the Dominion began studying the judgments, but there was one thing certain — there will be appeals to the Privy Council in England, probably by agreement with the Provinces who attacked the eight laws before the court.

The decision of the court will have no immediate repercussion, because it is not binding, merely an opinion. When the final decision of the Privy Council is made, the Government will start recasting the laws in the light of the judgments, but this will take months. Meanwhile they remain in operation.

It was the end of the longest and most important constitutional reference in the sixty-one year history of the Supreme Court. The hearing took two weeks, with evidence running to 500,000 words.

The Judges took five months to write their decisions.

## Tent Caterpillars In Stoney Creek Area

Evidence that considerable numbers of tent caterpillars are in the district is to be seen in the defoliated wild cherry, apple and other trees growing along some of the roads on the Mountain. One apple orchard on a neglected farm was noticed completely stripped of its leaves. On examination Friday of several of the so-called tents or webs seen in the trees, it was found that the caterpillars had deserted them, having wandered off to some sheltered place where they might spin their cocoons. Only one brood appears in the year. Outbreaks of this insect occur sporadically, a severe outbreak lasting for a number of years. Spraying with arsenate of lead and cutting down natural or wild fruit trees along the fences and roadsides are two methods of control recommended for keeping this injurious insect in check.

## HONOR MEMORY OF HOMER WATSON

Was to Have Received Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws in Recognition of His Contributions To Canadian Art, From Western University.

With a background of stately trees, the River Grand and glorious pagentry, the brilliant graduation service of Western University, London, was held on June 3, when 244 students were sent out with their various degrees and diplomas. A very signal honor was to have been bestowed on the late Homer R. Watson, R.C.A., the renowned and loved Canadian landscape artist of Doon, Ontario, that of receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of his contributions to Canadian art and it was learned with profound regret that the great painter had passed away four days before convocation. He, however, knew of the honor which was to have been conferred on him.

His sister, Miss Phoebe Watson and constant companion for the past eighteen years, went by special invitation to hear the tribute.

Of Mr. Watson, Dr. Fox said, "A true Canadian he returned to Canada with the single purpose of consecrating himself and his gift to his own people. All who have known him testify to his great contribution to Canadian painting. It is to Homer Watson we must attribute the place given in Canadian art to Western Ontario's noble river, the Grand, a place comparable to that given the Thames in English Art."

## Big Gain In Fruit Value In 1935

A pronounced gain was shown in the value of Canada's fruit crop in the year 1935 compared with the preceding year, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The 1935 fruit crop was worth \$18,561,200 compared with \$15,759,500 in 1934.

Apples led all other fruits with a production of 4,432,700 barrels worth \$12,452,100, against 4,457,400 barrels at \$9,182,900 the previous year.

Strawberries held second place with an estimated crop of 26,199,000 quarts worth \$2,249,900, compared with 20,239,000 quarts at \$2,070,100 in 1934.

Production of other fruits and values with 1935 figures in brackets: Years, 1935, 1934. Apples, 4,432,700 barrels (\$12,452,100); peaches, 613,600 bushels, \$309,500; plums and prunes, 225,300 bushels, \$306,400 (240,200); cherries, 202,300 bushels, \$529,500 (194,700); raspberries, 1,769,000 quarts, \$903,500 (5,835,200); grapes, 39,350,000 pounds, \$610,500 (43,585,000) \$984,200.

## Holstein Breeders' Field Day Held At Smithville

A Holstein Breeders' Field Day was held at Elmer Durham's, Smithville, on Tuesday afternoon. The judging competition consisted of two classes of Holstein cows and heifers. These were placed by all in attendance and prizes were offered to those under 21, the following in this class being winners: Eric Wilson, Welland, R.R. No. 2; Morris Slater, Calstar Centre, R.R. 2; Ellison Terryberry, Port Robinson; Billie McLeod, Stamford Centre.

In the group limited to calf club members the following were winners: Ralph Cooper, Calstar Centre; Stanley Merritt, Smithville, R.R. No. 1; Morris Slater, Calstar Centre; Ellison Terryberry, Port Robinson.

In the open class the following were winners: Sydney Gill, Tom Williams, C. Hagar and T. Phillips. For the ladies the following were high, Mrs. Lila Merritt Smithville 3, and Miss Wynn Merritt, Smithville, R.R. No. 1. At the conclusion of the judging Dr. C. D. McGilivray, head of Veterinary College, Guelph, gave a most interesting address on Mastitis and Byron Jenvey, field man for the Holstein Breeders' Assn. for western Ontario, gave a demonstration on ideal Holstein types.

There were about 150 in attendance throughout the afternoon, and all participated in the splendid luncheon at five o'clock on Mr. Durham's spacious lawn.